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Clinical Congress News

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Welcome

On behalf of the Board of Regents, it is my distinct honor and privilege to welcome you to San Francisco for the 85th Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Sheldon

The Clinical Congress is the world's largest educational meeting for surgeons in all specialties. Total attendance, including other health care professionals, scientific and industrial exhibitors, members of the press, and invited guests, is expected to exceed 15,000.

Under the direction of C. James Carrico, MD, FACS, Chair, and A. Brent Eastman, MD, FACS, Vice-Chair, the College's Program Committee has planned another outstanding and timely program. Activities formally begin at 9:30 on Monday morning. Herand Abcarian, MD, FACS, will deliver the Opening Ceremony Lecture, "The American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons 1899-1999: A Century of Progress." Immediately following the opening ceremonies, the full program of general and specialty sessions will commence.

The annual nine named lectures will be presented by a distinguished group of speakers from around the world. Additional educational highlights of the meeting include sessions on regional lymph node management in oncologic diseases, Internet Web-based CME, the implications for surgery of Medicare in transition, and the practice of medicine vs. the business of medicine.

The week's meetings and activities will culminate with the awarding of Fellowship in the College to 1,490 Initiates during the Convocation ceremonies on Thursday evening in the Esplanade Ballroom of Moscone Center.

The Clinical Congress continues to be the hallmark event of this organization. It remains a testament to the dedication, organizational ability, foresight, and cooperation of the College staff, committees, and attendees.

I wish to personally thank the many individuals who make this meeting happen, and extend to each attendee my best wishes for an exciting and productive meeting.

Dr. Sheldon is chair, department of surgery, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, and the 79th President of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Abcarian to deliver Opening Ceremony Lecture

At 9:30 am on Monday during the Opening Ceremony for the 1999 Clinical Congress, Herand Abcarian, MD, FACS, will deliver a lecture on "The American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons 1899-1999: A Century of Progress." The ceremony will take place in the Esplanade Ballroom of Moscone Center.

Dr. Abcarian is the Turi Josefsen Professor and chairman, department of surgery, University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago.

He received an MD degree from Tehran University School of Medicine in 1965, and came to Chicago's Cook County Hospital as an intern in 1966. His academic appointments include: instructor in surgery, Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine (1970-72); assistant and associate professor of surgery, Abraham Lincoln School of Medicine, University of Illinois (1972, 1977); professor of clinical surgery, University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago (1983); and his present position as Turi Josefsen Professor of Surgery (1991).

Dr. Abcarian, a prolific author himself, serves on the editorial staff of *Diseases of the Colon and Rectum* and *Current Surgery*. He is also a reviewer for the *World Journal of Surgery* and *Annals of Surgery*.

An active member of numerous medical societies, including the ACS, Dr. Abcarian has been a leading figure in the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS) for many years. He has served on the ASCRS advisory council, education committee, recertification committee, and bylaws committee, among others. He has served the ASCRS as secretary (1984-1986) and as president (1988-1989).

This experience well prepares him for the topic of Monday's lecture on the centennial of the ASCRS. The ASCRS is the leading professional society representing more than 1,000 board-certified colon and rectal surgeons and other surgeons dedicated to advancing and promoting the science and practice of the treatment of patients with diseases and disorders affecting the colon, rectum, and anus.

Dr. Abcarian

The ASCRS was founded in 1899 as the American Proctologic Society by a small group of physicians in Columbus, OH, led by Dr. Joseph Mathews (1847-1928). Dr. Mathews was one of the first physicians in the U.S. to confine his practice to proctology. In 1973, the society changed its name to the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons.

In May of this year, the society held a 100th Anniversary and Tripartite Meeting in Washington, DC, drawing an international assembly of physicians and speakers. At this meeting, Dr. Abcarian delivered a talk on conventional and unconventional treatment options for fistula in ano.

Web-based CME: The future of education

On Tuesday morning the ACS Regental Committee on Informatics will sponsor a panel discussion to consider Internet Web-based continuing medical education. The panel will meet from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon in Room 303 of Moscone Center.

David A. Krusch, MD, FACS, Rochester, NY, and Robert L. Parry, MD, Los Angeles, CA, will serve as moderators for the session. Scheduled topics and speakers are: Developing and Implementing a Multimedia/Internet-Based Medical School Curriculum, by Dixie L. Fisher, PhD; Issues Surrounding the Development of an Office/Practice-Based Web Site, by William D. Hardin, Jr., MD, FACS; What Online Surgical References and CME Opportunities Exist on the Net Today and What Can We Expect from the Established Publishers in the Near Future? by W. William Haines; and Your Doctor.com: How Silicone Valley Is Changing the Way You Will Practice Medicine, by James Norman, MD, FACS.

Committee members are also involved in Postgraduate (PG) Course No. 9 and 9A, Computers in Surgery, which offer in-depth sessions for beginning and advanced computer users. Dr. Krusch and Richard R. Sabo, MD, FACS, Bozeman, MT, will serve as co-chairs for the courses.

The courses feature lectures and hands-on workshops that will provide a practical working knowledge of current computer concepts for the practicing surgeon. PG No. 9 (Basic) includes an introduction to basic PC hardware and concepts, types and methods of Internet connectivity, remote access to clinical data, medical knowledge-based searching techniques, and medical resources available on the Internet. PG No. 9A (Advanced) provides the advanced computer user with instructions in PowerPoint for scientific presentations, bibliographic management (EndNote, Reference Manager), image manipulation for publication/presentation, how to create/give an effective electronic presentation, and beginning Web site publication techniques.

A complete listing for PG No. 9 and 9A may be found on pages 162-164 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.

New organization formed for residents/Associate FACS

The Candidate and Associate Society of the American College of Surgeons (CAS-ACS), a new organization of surgical residents and Associate Fellows, will hold its first meeting on Sunday, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm, at the San Francisco Marriott, Salon 9. All residents and young surgeons are invited to attend.

The CAS-ACS is the first organized group for surgical residents in all specialties and will serve as a forum for residents and young surgeons and provide them with a role in College affairs. The introductory program features one of surgery's most famous personalities, Michael E. DeBakey, MD, FACS, who will speak on "High-Profile Patients."

Details of the organization and its opportunities for residents and young surgeons will be presented during the afternoon meeting, which will conclude with a "town meeting" discussion on graduate surgical education and the Congress, universal health coverage, and proposed legislation on a patients' bill of rights. Information about the society, its career opportunities Web site, and application forms will be available at the CAS-ACS program and at the Fellowship booth in the ACS Resource Center, located in the technical exhibit area of Moscone Center.

SREC symposium to examine tissue engineering

On Tuesday morning the ACS Surgical Research and Education Committee (SREC) will sponsor a symposium titled Tissue Engineering: Building the Bionic Man. The session will run from 8:00 to 10:30 am in Room 133 of Moscone Center. Philip H. Gutin, MD, FACS, will serve as moderator for the session.

Primitive human stem cells are being isolated, tissues are being created *in vitro*, cells are being engineered to produce missing proteins, and all of this technology is either being used currently or will be available for repair and replacement of damaged tissues in our lifetimes. Surgeons are already at the forefront of this research and will be increasingly important as more clinical applications are developed and surgical access to various organ systems is required. This symposium draws together the leaders in tissue engineering research in the various surgical subspecialties to give an update on what is current and what is to be expected as this exciting research evolves.

Scheduled speakers are: Achilles A. Demetriou, MD, FACS, Los Angeles, CA; Joseph M. Lane, MD, New York, NY; David Pincus, MD, Washington, DC; and Anthony Atala, MD, FACS, Boston, MA.

Visit a special exhibit showcasing the Surgical Education and Self-Assessment Program (SESAP) No. 10, located in the lower level North-South Hall concourse. Visitors may sample the new multimedia CD-ROM version of SESAP No. 10.

Registration locations and hours

If you have received your credentials for the Clinical Congress, to verify your attendance simply turn in your verification card at the advance registration desk to receive a badge holder and Clinical Congress Program Book. The registration area in the North Hall of Moscone Center will be open Sunday, October 10, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday October 11 through Wednesday, October 13, from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Thursday, October 14, from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. As a convenience, advance registration will be open Sunday only from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Hilton San Francisco and Towers.

If you received a badge or Postgraduate Course ticket in the mail, you can redeem your verification card for a badge holder, Program Book, and PG manual at these locations.

CME credit

The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. The American College of Surgeons designates that this continuing medical education offering also meets the criteria for hour-to-hour credit in Category 1 as outlined by the American Medical Association for the Physicians' Recognition Award.

To record your attendance for continuing medical education and recertification requirements, use the card that is bound into the back of the official Clinical Congress Program Book. Extra copies of these cards may be obtained at the Message and Information Centers in Moscone Center. These cards are for your personal record and in most circumstances do not need to be validated.

The following companies have supported the Clinical Congress with advertisements in the Exhibit Guide section of this issue:

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Dr. and Mrs. Jordan to receive Distinguished Philanthropist Award

The Fellows Leadership Society will hold its 11th annual luncheon on Monday, October 11, beginning at 11:30 am at the Old Federal Reserve Bank Building, located at 301 Battery Street, adjacent to the Park Hyatt Hotel. The luncheon will feature the presentation of the 1999 ACS Distinguished Philanthropist Award to Paul H. Jordan, Jr., MD, FACS, and his wife, Lois.

Through their generous support of the College's Development Program, including the establishment of two substantial gift annuities and memberships in the Fellows Leadership Society's Legacy Circle and Mayne Heritage, Dr. and Mrs. Jordan have made a lasting and tangible contribution that will help sustain the future of surgery for years to come.

Dr. Jordan has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in surgery since his graduation from the University of Chicago (IL) School of Medicine in 1944. Following three years of military service in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, he completed surgical residencies at the University of Illinois and Hines VA Hospital. He was certified by the American Board of Surgery in 1954.

Dr. Jordan

For nearly 20 years, he served as chief of surgery at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Houston, TX, and also held appointments at the Methodist Hospital and St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, both in Houston. His more than four decades of active participation in academic medicine included both the University of California at Los Angeles and Baylor College of Medicine, where he was named professor emeritus in 1996. His dedication to advancing the clinical practice of surgery is demonstrated in more than 180 published articles in leading medical journals and 10 films and videos.

Active in organized medicine, Dr. Jordan has served as president of the Houston Surgical Society, the Association of Veterans Administration Surgeons, and the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, as well as in numerous other leadership positions. He also served the American College of Surgeons in a number of roles, including chair of the International Relations Committee.

Dr. Jordan has received numerous other awards and honors from organizations such as the Swedish Surgical Society, the University of Chicago Medical Alumni Association, the Association of Veterans Administration Surgeons, and was the first recipient of the Theodore Kocher Benefactor Award from the International Surgical Foundation.

Dr. and Mrs. Jordan are the eleventh recipients of the ACS Distinguished Philanthropist Award. Previous honorees have been Dr. and Mrs. LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., MD, FACS; Dr. and Mrs. Eric T. Lincke, MD, FACS; Dr. and Mrs. Neil Clements, MD, FACS; Dr. and Mrs. Scott Woods, MD, FACS; the Islami Family and Islami Foundation; Armand Hammer, MD; John Conley, MD, FACS; the Clowes Family and Clowes Fund of Indianapolis; Oliver H. Beahrs, MD, FACS; and Julius H. Jacobson II, MD, FACS.

Cancer activities planned for Wednesday

The Commission on Cancer (COC) will sponsor a symposium and named lecture on Wednesday of this week.

The symposium, Changing Trends in Melanoma Management, will be held from 8:00 to 10:30 am in Room 134 of the Moscone Center. The session will examine current information on recent developments in the management of patients with melanoma. Leading experts in the field of melanoma treatment will review updated results of a randomized trial of elective lymph node dissection in patients at risk for regional nodal metastases, related issues and results, controversies regarding lymphatic mapping with sentinel node biopsy, and clinical trials that are ongoing to address these issues. Speakers will also address issues regarding the use of adjuvant high-dose alpha interferon for patients at risk for recurrence, the role of surgery in the management of patients with metastatic disease, and guidelines for follow-up.

Co-moderators for the session are Charles M. Balch, MD, FACS, and Daniel G. Coit, MD, FACS. Featured presenters include Don Morton, MD, FACS, Jeffrey Gershenwald, MD, John M. Kirkwood, MD, and Kelly M. McMasters, MD. A complete listing of topics may be found on page 33 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.

The Commission on Cancer Oncology Lecture will take place from 11:00 am to 12:15 pm in the Esplanade Ballroom of Moscone Center. Cornelius J. H. van de Velde, MD, will present "The Surgeon and Surgical Procedure Are Important Prognostic Factors in Cancer Treatment." Dr. van de Velde is professor of surgery and head of the department of surgical oncology at University Hospital of Leiden in The Netherlands.

Further information regarding these COC events may be obtained by contacting the Cancer Department Office in the Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Sutter B/Sixth Floor, Bldg. 3.

COC conference slated for November

The Commission on Cancer's fourth annual conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 5–6, 1999, at the Wyndham Chicago (IL) Hotel, located on Chicago's Magnificent Mile, and in the College headquarters building. Physicians, cancer registrars, nurses, research associates, and administrators are invited to attend.

This year's conference, Building Blocks of Quality for Cancer Programs, will feature speakers from across the country who are leaders in their fields, and will offer timely and practical information on ways in which cancer programs can be enhanced.

On Friday, following the morning's sessions on cancer program leadership and data quality, lunchtime roundtable discussions grouped by professional specialty will focus on ways in which the Commission on Cancer can help liaison physicians, registrars, and administrators meet the requirements for an approved program. A boxed lunch will be provided, and participants must register in advance. Following lunch, there will be simultaneous breakout sessions on the Approvals Program and the Education Program. The Approvals Program session will highlight the network standards and survey process, and Frederick L. Greene, MD, FACS, will speak on the surveyor's perspective. In the Educational Programs session, there will be talks on the stereotactic breast biopsy verification program, video teleconferencing, and the latest in education technologies.

Saturday morning will begin with simultaneous breakout sessions on clinical information and standards of the Commission on Cancer and the American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC). The Clinical Information session will offer presentations on the future of the National Cancer Data Base and on issues of privacy, confidentiality, and security. Eric Durbin, MS, computer systems manager for the Kentucky Cancer Registry, will discuss "HL-7: What You Need to Know." During the Standards session, JoAnne Sylvester, Associate Director of the Cancer Department, will discuss the importance of Commission standards; Irvin D. Fleming, MD, FACS, chair of the American Joint Committee on Cancer, will discuss the future of AJCC staging; and Lynda Douglas, CTR, Quality Assurance Administrator for the Cancer Department, will discuss the Commission's computerized Inquiry and Response System.

In addition to these sessions, M. Asa Carter, CTR, Administrative Manager of Accreditation and Standards for the Commission on Cancer, will give a special presentation titled "Survey Savvy" on November 4 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. This popular session helps physicians, registrars, and administrators to prepare for upcoming surveys by reviewing the standards and requirements for approved programs. There is an additional fee for this program.

For a registration brochure, including hotel and transportation information, please contact Elaine Fulton at 312/202-5401 or efulton@facs.org. The registration brochure is also available on the College's Web site at www.facs.org.

Named lectures during the Clinical Congress

Patrick C. Walsh, MD

American Urological Association Lecture

Sponsored by the AUA since 1967, featuring diverse topics in surgery.

Monday, 10:15-11:15 am
Moscone Center,
Esplanade Ballroom

"Anatomic Discovery and Operative Video Documentation to Improve Outcomes following Radical Prostatectomy: A Surgical Paradigm"

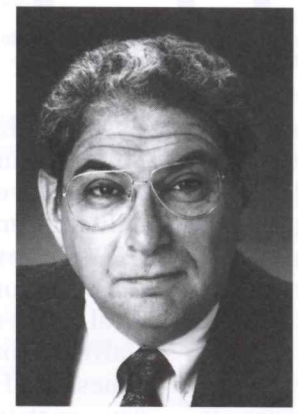
Kenneth L. Mattox, MD, FACS

Scudder Oration on Trauma

Evolved from Oration on Fractures (1929) to honor Charles Locke Scudder as founding member of the College and major contributor to surgery of trauma.

Tuesday, 1:30-2:15 pm
Moscone Center,
Esplanade Ballroom

"TraumaLine 2000"



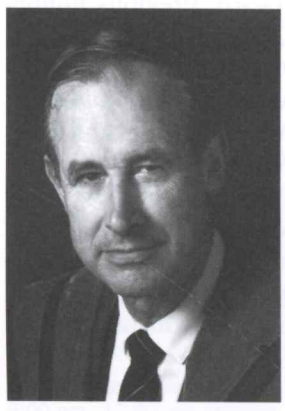
A. Gerson Greenburg, MD, PhD, FACS

I. S. Ravdin Lecture in the Basic Sciences

Sponsored by I. S. Ravdin Surgical Society since 1964 to honor I. S. Ravdin, MD, FACS, by promoting the application of basic sciences to surgery.

Wednesday, 1:30-2:15 pm
Moscone Center, Esplanade Ballroom

"Red Cell Substitutes: Past, Present, and Future"



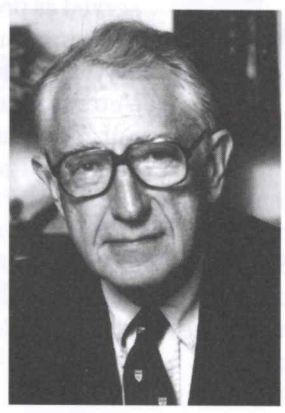
A. W. Beasley, OBE, ED, FRCS(Ed), FRACS, FACS

History of Surgery Lecture

Sponsored by the Advisory Council for Neurological Surgery and first delivered in 1992 to explore the history of surgery.

Monday, 1:30-2:30 pm
Moscone Center,
Room 200-212

"The Quivering King–The Jamestown Settlement and a Misunderstood Monarch"



Francis D. Moore, MD, FACS

Ethics and Philosophy Lecture

Established in 1990 through the generosity of John J. Conley, MD, FACS, to support the exploration of ethical issues in surgery.

Wednesday, 9:00-10:00 am
Moscone Center,
Esplanade Ballroom

"Ethics: From Percival to G.B.S. (The Doctor's Dilemma)"

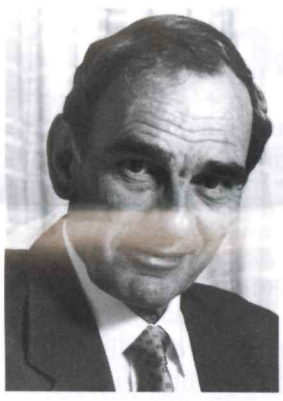
Sir Alfred Cuschieri, MD, ChM, FRCS(Ed, Eng), FRCSI(Hon), FRCPS (Glas)(Hon), FRSE

Distinguished Lecture of the International Society of Surgery

Established in 1990 to honor distinguished international surgeons

Wednesday, 3:00-4:00 pm
Moscone Center, Esplanade Ballroom

"Minimal Access Therapy in the Next Millennium"



F. Griffith Pearson, MD, FACS, FRCSC

John H. Gibbon, Jr., Lecture

First delivered in 1971 to honor this pioneer of open-heart surgery.

Monday, 3:30-4:30 pm
Moscone Center,
Esplanade Ballroom

"Evolution and Current Status of Surgery of the Upper Airways"

Cornelis J. H. van de Velde, MD

Commission on Cancer Oncology Lecture

Established in 1987 to explore major developments in oncology and to focus on the surgeon's role in patient care.

Wednesday, 11:00 am-12:15 pm
Moscone Center,
Esplanade Ballroom

"The Surgeon and Surgical Procedure Are Important Prognostic Factors in Cancer Treatment"

Sir Miles Irving, DSC(Hon), ChM, FMedSci, FRCS(Eng, Ed, Glas, Can)

Martin Memorial Lecture

Established in 1946 to honor Franklin H. Martin, MD, FACS, founder of the College, and his wife, Isabelle Hollister Martin.

Thursday, 3:15-3:55 pm
Moscone Center, Esplanade Ballroom

"Health Technology Assessment: The Way Forward for Surgery"

AWS conference examines leadership

The Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) is holding its fall conference in conjunction with the Clinical Congress. The AWS functions will be held at the San Francisco Marriott Hotel.

On Sunday, October 10, beginning at 8:00 am in Salon 4 of the Marriott, the AWS will begin its conference with presentations by Mike Magee, MD, author of *Positive Leadership*, and facilitator JoAnne Blakely, manager of corporate medical relations, Pfizer, Inc. The interactive program will focus on developing a values-driven approach to leadership that is built on 10 key principles. Participants will examine ways to enhance their leadership potential and develop strategies to enrich their lives and the lives of those with whom they interact. The association's annual business meeting and luncheon will follow at 12 noon in the Nob Hill Room of the Marriott.

On Wednesday, October 13, beginning with registration at 6:45 am, the AWS will host its annual networking breakfast, which is provided at no cost to all members and nonmembers. The event will take place in the Nob Hill Room of the Marriott.

The association has also announced plans for the AWS 2000 summer conference, Emerging Technologies, which will be held July 13-15, 2000, at the Beaver Creek Resort, Beaver Creek, CO.

While attending the Clinical Congress, plan to stop by the AWS exhibit booth #2336 at the Moscone Center. Exhibit hours are from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Wednesday, and from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm on Thursday. Visitors may pick up information regarding AWS and the summer conference, learn more about the profession, network with peers, and receive a complimentary pass for the October 13 networking breakfast.

The Association of Women Surgeons is headquartered at 414 Plaza Dr., Ste. 209, Westmont, IL 60559; tel. 630/655-0392, fax 630/655-0391, e-mail aws@adminsys.com.

Panel to consider status of new technology

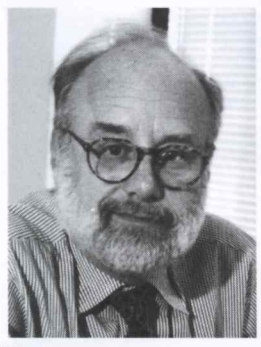
On Monday afternoon the ACS Committee on Emerging Surgical Technology and Education will sponsor a panel discussion to address New Technology: What's Proven, What's Not. The session will take place from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Esplanade Ballroom at Moscone Center. Jonathan L. Meakins, MD, FACS, a Regent of the College, will serve as moderator.

The session will examine issues regarding evidence-based surgery, new surgical procedures, and new technology. Topics of discussion will include the management of solid organ injury, mesorectal excision of the rectum, stents and intravascular devices, prophylaxis of deep venous thrombosis, and liver resection for metastases.

Panel to consider Medicare in transition

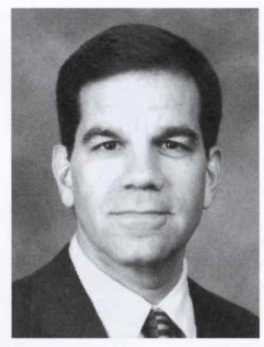
The College's Socioeconomic Affairs Department will sponsor a panel discussion on Monday afternoon to consider Medicare in Transition: The Implications for Surgery. The session will run from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in Room 131 of Moscone Center.

Senior representatives of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) will provide an important update on the Medicare program. Issues to be addressed during the two-hour session include Medicare's managed care program, physician reimbursement policies, and anti-fraud and abuse efforts. A lively question and answer period is anticipated.



Dr. Berenson

HCFA will be represented by Robert Berenson, MD, FACP, Director of HCFA's Center for Health Plans and Providers. The center is the focal point for payment policy and operational issues related to physicians, hospitals, other health care providers, and managed care plans. Dr. Berenson, a board-certified internist, previously served on the Carter White House Domestic Policy staff and also co-chaired two working groups as part of the Clinton White House Task Force on Health Care Reform.



Mr. Goldberg

The second panelist will be Larry J. Goldberg, JD, chief of the OIG's Civil Recoveries Branch. Mr. Goldberg is responsible for coordinating OIG's role in the investigation, audit, and resolution of health care fraud and abuse cases, including those arising under the False Claims Act, the anti-kickback statute, and the OIG's exclusion authorities.

Also speaking will be Frank G. Opelka, MD, FACS, a member of the College's General Surgery Coding and Reimbursement Committee and the College's representative to the Practice Expense Advisory Committee. A colon and rectal surgeon from the Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans, LA, Dr. Opelka will provide a practicing surgeon's perspective on Medicare issues.

The session will be moderated by John O. Gage, MD, FACS, a general surgeon from Pensacola, FL. Dr. Gage is Chair of the College's General Surgery Coding and Reimbursement Committee and the College's representative to the AMA/Specialty Society Relative Value Update Committee.

CESTE exhibit: See the future of computerized surgical education

The ACS Committee on Emerging Surgical Technology and Education (CESTE) is sponsoring a premier scientific exhibit titled The Next Generation of Computing for Surgical Education. This exhibit will showcase selected computer hardware and software that are successful today or are promising for the future of surgical education. Applications being demonstrated will range from familiar CD-ROM products to Internet sites to tele-immersion.

What is tele-immersion? The term was originally coined by researchers at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) to refer to collaborative, networked, virtual reality. Tele- immersion combines teleconferencing and virtual reality to allow people in different geographic locations to interact with the same stereoscopic perspective, converse, gesture, and see each other. UIC is a leader in tele-immersion and the originator of the CAVE™ and ImmersaDesk™ display systems—large-screen, back-projected, stereoscopic displays that allow the computer user to become "immersed" in the demonstration. The CAVE is a 10-foot cube one walks into with projection on four walls while the ImmersaDesk is a furniture statement of the same technology with a six-by-four-foot tilted display.

The exhibit features applications that were developed by the Virtual Reality in Medicine Laboratory (VRMedLab) at the UIC. The VRMedLab's co-director, Jonathan Silverstein, MD, a general surgeon and 1999 ACS Initiate, will be demonstrating his NIH supported project, "Biomedical Tele-Immersion for the Next Generation Internet," and related work on the ImmersaDesk display. Biomedical tele-immersion is a network, hardware, and software architecture that promises to permit medical educators, researchers, and clinicians at different sites to share three-dimensional information in a collaborative, stereoscopic environment. This technology promises to radically change distributed surgical education, research, and ultimately clinical visualization. As one can transport a textbook across the current Internet, tele-immersion will *create the classroom* on the next generation Internet.

Russell Pearl, MD, FACS, a colorectal surgeon and one of the VRMedLab collaborators, is pictured here demonstrating his three-dimensional pelvic floor model after it had been digitized by CT scan and imported into the tele-immersive environment.

The exhibit will run Monday through Thursday, and will be located in the Technology Pavilion in the South Hall at Moscone Center.

Practice management consultation available this week

A Practice Management Consultation Booth is being sponsored this year by the College's Socioeconomic Affairs Department. Fellows with questions concerning practice management issues such as coding and reimbursement, group mergers, contract negotiations, and so on, are invited to visit the booth to make an appointment for a free consultation. Conomikes Associates, Inc., a highly regarded company in the field of practice management, will be providing free consultations during the week of the Clinical Congress.

The booth will be located at Moscone Center in the concourse connecting the North and South Halls. Fifteen-minute appointments will be available on a first-come, first-served basis from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Sunday, October 10, through Thursday, October 14.

Fellows can also stop by the booth to register for any of the College's practice management or coding workshops that are scheduled for 1999 through 2000.

Trauma curriculum for medical students announced

The Subcommittee on ATLS® (Advanced Trauma Life Support) of the ACS Committee on Trauma has announced the release of a trauma curriculum guide for medical students. The TEAM (Trauma Evaluation And Management) Course introduces the concepts of trauma assessment and management to medical students during their clinical years. The slide/lecture presentation can be easily adapted into the medical school's curriculum. The format is flexible, with a 90-minute slide presentation and optional components that include a three-segment initial assessment video demonstration and two clinical trauma case scenarios for small-group, focused discussion and skills sessions. The Committee on Trauma and the ATLS Subcommittee believe that the TEAM course should satisfy the need for a standardized introductory course in the evaluation and management of trauma that can be taught to all medical students.

Attendees are invited to stop by the ATLS exhibit located in the ACS Resource Center at Moscone Center for further information regarding the TEAM Course.

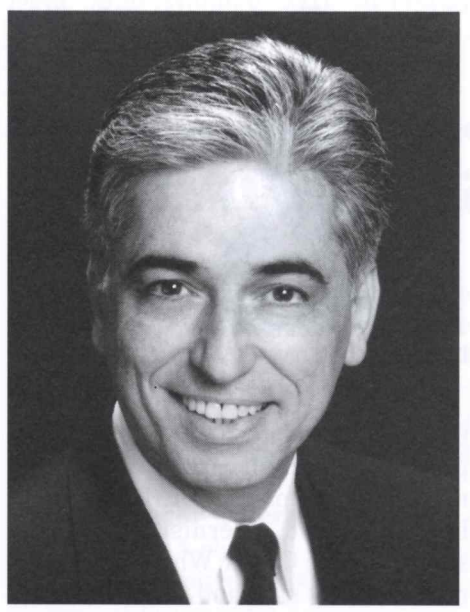
Liability issues to be addressed

With major changes occurring in health care, it is important for physicians to become aware of new areas of physician liability brought about by business/professional arrangements being made with a wide variety of health care organizations. The ACS Regental Committee on Professional Liability is sponsoring two sessions this week to address current liability issues: Postgraduate (PG) Course No. 2— Professional Liability and Risk Management in a Changing Health Care Environment, and the panel discussion, The Surgeon and the Law.

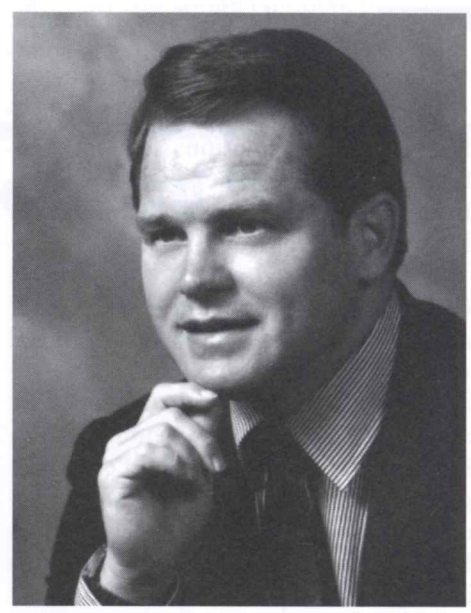
PG No. 2, Professional Liability and Risk Management in a Changing Health Care Environment, will be held on Sunday, October 10, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm, at the Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Imperial Ballroom A. The co-chairs for the course are Barry M. Manuel, MD, FACS, Boston, MA, and Donald Palmisano, MD, JD, FACS, Metairie, LA.

The objective of the course is to identify new areas of physician liability, such as contract liability, vicarious liability, the expanded "duty of care" created by a managed care company contract, delay of care and denial of care liability, peer review liability, antitrust liability, and telemedicine liability, as well as traditional high-risk areas of surgical practice. Methods available to deal with these risks will be discussed, including the systems approach to error prevention. Practical advice will be given on how to avoid a lawsuit, how to proceed when one is sued, and how to protect one's mental health during this process. Upon completion, participants will have learned to identify new areas of physician liability as well as traditional high-risk areas of surgical practice. Risk management and prevention will be emphasized. Participants will also gain an understanding of the legal process and its psychological impact on the physician, of the deposition, and of courtroom strategies.

Dr. Manuel



Dr. Palmisano



Dr. Allen

The Surgeon and the Law panel discussion will take place on Tuesday, October 12, from 8:00 to 10:00 am, in Moscone Center, Room 104. Bruce L. Allen, MD, FACS, San Mateo, CA, will serve as moderator for the panel discussion.

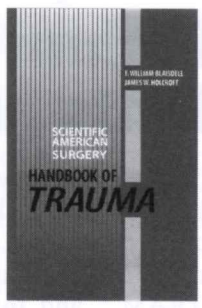
Dennis S. O'Leary, MD, president, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), will speak on "Does Reporting of a Sentinel Event Affect the Risk of a Malpractice Claim?" James G. Sheehan, chief of the civil division of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Philadelphia, PA, will speak on "Searching for Fraud in Medicine: Ten Ways (or More) a Surgeon Can Meet the Prosecutor/Inspector General."

The panel discussion is designed to keep Fellows abreast of current legal issues that are most likely to affect the practice of surgery. This year the panel will focus on the issues of sentinel event reporting and fraud and abuse. The federal government is dedicating new resources in its campaign to detect fraudulent Medicare billing, particularly physician billing. Learn from the U.S. Attorney's top prosecutor, Mr. Sheehan, the extent of these investigations, the billing patterns likely to trigger them, and the severe penalties that can be assessed.

Find out about how a compliance program may be helpful. The JCAHO is developing its program of sentinel event reporting in an effort to decrease major errors in surgery, such as wrong-sided surgery. Dr. O'Leary will discuss how hospitals are complying with these new regulations and whether or not their compliance will violate the confidentiality of peer review.

Trauma handbook from *Scientific American Surgery* debuts

Scientific American Surgery (*SAS*), the surgical textbook published by Scientific American Medicine under the aegis of the American College Surgeons, has now generated a smaller, specialized work designed specifically for on-the-spot use by surgeons who care for injured patients. The handbook, *Scientific American Surgery Handbook of Trauma,* is edited by F. William Blaisdell, MD, FACS, a longtime contributor to *SAS*, and James W. Holcroft, MD, FACS, a founding member of the *SAS* Editorial Board.



Recognizing the impracticality of consulting bulky textbooks in the high-pressure working situations characteristic of trauma, Drs. Blaisdell and Holcroft have adopted (and adapted) the general algorithm-based approach used in *SAS* to create a concise reference tool that can easily be carried in a labcoat pocket or held open in one hand. Specifically intended for easy use by surgeons on the "front lines" of trauma care—interns, residents, and trauma center attending surgeons—the handbook dispenses with extensive discussions. Nevertheless, it contains valuable management recommendations on a substantial number of key trauma topics: resuscitation, emergency department evaluation of multiple injuries, central nervous system trauma, head and neck injuries, thoracic and abdominal trauma, injuries to the extremities, and wound closure.

The handbook's physical design allows for quick access for the user. Every left-hand page contains a *SAS*-style algorithm outlining the general approach to be taken for a specific problem, while the facing right-hand page contains explanatory text that fleshes out the algorithm, adding detail and nuance. In addition, the handbook is spiral-bound for maximum flexibility, and the pages are laminated for durability.

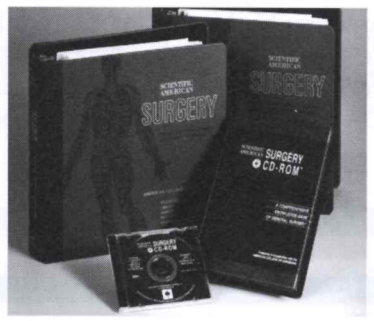
Although *SAS*'s recent expansion phase is now complete, new chapters on new topics continue to be commissioned, and chapters continue to be reworked, expanded, or consolidated as necessary. Highlights of 1999 include the following:

1. Completion of the top-to-bottom revision of the Trauma section.

2. Addition of two new chapters to the Surgical Techniques section: Appendectomy, by Hung S. Ho, MD, and Ultrasonography: Surgical Applications, by Grace S. Rozycki, MD, FACS. Additional new technique chapters are planned for 2000.

3. Addition of one new chapter to the Evaluation of Common Clinical Problems section: Abdominal Pain, by Romano Delcore, MD,FACS, and Laurence Y. Cheung, MD, FACS.

4. Addition of six video clips to the CD-ROM version of Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy, by Gerald M. Fried, MD, FACS, and Liane S. Feldman, MD.



The fall 1999 update of *SAS* features the following chapters: Breast Disease, by Barbara L. Smith, MD, PhD, and Wiley W. Souba, MD, ScD, FACS; Obesity, by Harvey J. Sugerman, MD, FACS; Clinical and Laboratory Diagnosis of Infection, by David C. Evans, MD, and Jonathan L. Meakins, MD, DSc, FACS; and Miscellaneous Thermal Injuries, by Robert H. Demling, MD, FACS.

The winter 2000 update will feature the following chapters: Use of the Mechanical Ventilator, by Robert H. Bartlett, MD, FACS; Acute Abdominal Pain, by Romano Delcore, MD, FACS, and Laurence Y. Cheung, MD, FACS; The Pediatric Surgical Patient, by Arnold G. Coran, MD, FACS; Burn Care in the Immediate Resuscitation Period, by Robert H. Demling, MD, FACS; and Burn Care in the Early Postresuscitation Period, by Robert H. Demling, MD, FACS.

For additional information, visit booth 2416 in the technical exhibit area, where both printed and electronic versions of *SAS* as well as the new *Handbook of Trauma* are on display, or contact Scientific American Medicine at 415 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10017-1111; tel. 800/545-0554, fax 212/980-3062.

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ACOSOG helps to set standards of care

According to the National Cancer Institute (NCI), many of today's most effective interventions are the direct result of knowledge gained through previous clinical trials. The American College of Surgeons Oncology Group (ACOSOG) has been funded by the NCI to enter eligible patients in cancer clinical trials. The data collected by these clinical trials are crucial to the NCI to establish new treatment guidelines that are designed to improve the survival of patients with malignant solid tumors.

Attendees at the Clinical Congress can become members of ACOSOG and help set future standards of care.

Eligibility requirements follow:

• **Surgeons** who are either:
(a) Fellows of the American College of Surgeons, (b) members of the American College of Surgeons Candidate Group, (c) board certified in their surgical specialty or hold equivalent certification in a foreign country, or (d) not yet board certified but planning to achieve certification and are within five years of having completed an accredited specialty residency or fellowship.

• **Physicians and scientists in non-surgical specialties** may apply independently or through their relationship with an ACOSOG surgeon.

• **Allied health professionals** and **patient advocates** may apply with the sponsorship of an ACOSOG physician member.

To participate in ACOSOG studies, members must meet minimum technology requirements related to computers and fax machines. Most clinical sites easily meet the requirements.

Please check the ACOSOG Web site at http://www.acosog.org or call the administrative office at 312/202-5400 for more information on membership and to obtain the technology requirement checklist.

During the Clinical Congress, please stop by the ACOSOG information booth, located in Moscone Center, concourse level. Meg Mooney, MD, ACOSOG Medical Officer, will be on hand to answer any questions you may have concerning ACOSOG membership.

Open ACOSOG clinical trials

Breast Cancer

Z0010: A prognostic study of sentinel node and bone marrow micrometastases in women with clinical T1 or T2 N0 M0 breast cancer.

Z0011: A randomized trial of axillary node dissection in women with clinical T1 or T2 N0 M0 breast cancer who have a positive sentinel node.

Colon Cancer (intergroup study)

ECOG 1292: A phase III intergroup prospectively randomized trial of perioperative 5-FU after curative resection, followed by 5-FU/Leucovorin for patients with colon cancer.

Genitourinary Cancer (intergroup study)

EORTC 30904: A prospective randomized phase III study comparing radical surgery to elective kidney sparing surgery for low stage renal cell carcinoma: an intergroup study.

Melanoma

Z0020: Randomized phase III trial of hyperthermic isolated limb perfusion and melphalan with or without tumor necrosis factor in the patient with localized, advanced, extremity melanoma.

Lung Cancer

Z0030: Randomized trial of mediastinal lymph node sampling versus complete lymphadenectomy during pulmonary resection in the patient with N0 or N1 (less than hilar) non-small cell carcinoma.

Z0040: A prospective study of the prognostic significance of occult metastases in the patient with resectable non-small cell lung carcinoma.

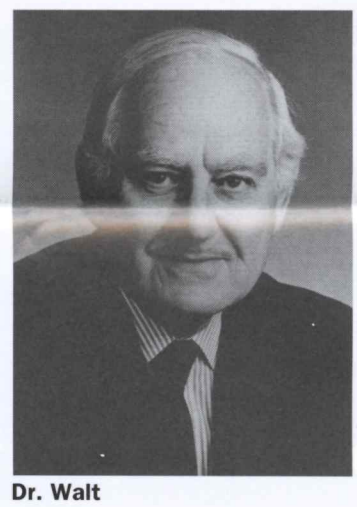
Dr. Walt remembered

The College's 75th President, Alexander J. Walt, MD, FACS (1923-1996), internationally renowned as a surgeon, educator, and humanitarian, has been remembered in *Alexander J. Walt: Reflections*. The book's editors, Scott A. Dulchavsky, MD, FACS, and Seymour I. Schwartz, MD, FACS, have compiled 30 of Dr. Walt's writings on such topics as graduate medical education, the uniqueness of American surgical education, surgical humanism, and the future of surgery. Each of the papers in the 304-page book includes a commentary by a learned American surgeon.

Dr. Walt believed that "a cultured surgeon is a better surgeon," and this belief is evidenced in his presentations at many ACS meetings and in his lectures to residents. Always delivered with humor, wit, and graceful prose, Dr. Walt's extant writings are valuable for today's surgeons and students.

In prefatory material, editor Scott Dulchavsky states: "The selected papers that form the basis of this book evoke keen recollection of (Dr. Walt's) humor, wit, and personal challenges. The accompanying commentaries provide reference to the broad applicability and timelessness of Dr. Walt's foresight for graduate medical education and surgery."

Co-editor Seymour Schwartz adds that "... with unfailing integrity, uncompromising commitment, and an infectious passion, Alex Walt loomed and will continue to loom as a conscience for the surgical community, and he will continue to serve as a guide to those of us who walked behind and along side him."



Dr. Walt

Dr. Dulchavsky is an associate professor at Wayne State University, and chief of surgery at Detroit (MI) Receiving Hospital. Dr. Schwartz is Distinguished Alumni Professor, University of Rochester (NY) School of Medicine and Dentistry. He is also Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* and the 78th President of the American College of Surgeons.

Alexander J. Walt: Reflections is available for $29.95 per copy from Wayne State University Press, Leonard N. Simons Bldg., 4809 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201-1309; tel. 313/577-4603, fax 313/577-6131.

Copies of the book may be viewed in the Communications section of the ACS Resource Center, located in the technical exhibit area (booth 1017) of Moscone Center.

CD-ROM on medical radiation physics available

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American College of Radiology have agreed that surgeons who independently perform stereotactic breast biopsy must fulfill certain requirements to use this technique safely and effectively. One of the requirements is that the surgeon must have four hours of Category 1 CME in medical radiation physics.

In an effort to help surgeons fulfill this requirement, the ACS has produced a CD-ROM in collaboration with Robert J. Pizzutiello Jr., MS, FACMP, to accompany the College's Postgraduate Course No. 1, Image-Guided Breast Biopsy. The CD-ROM contains four hours of lecture and slides and an accompanying test. When scored by the American College of Surgeons, successful completion of the test will lead to the award of four hours of Category 1 CME in medical radiation physics. The CD-ROM coincides with the ACS Statement ST-29, "Physician Qualifications for Stereotactic Breast Biopsy: A Revised Statement."

The CD-ROM may be installed to run on either a Windows or Macintosh platform (Windows Operating system 3.11 or higher; Macintosh system 7.1 or higher with QuickTime extensions).

The CD-ROM is $100 and may be purchased during the Clinical Congress at the Publications booth, located on the concourse level of Moscone Center.

This week in the *Clinical Congress News*

Make sure to pick up your daily issue of the *Clinical Congress News* (CCN) throughout this convention week. The Tuesday through Friday issues will include:

- **Summaries of the Opening Ceremony Lecture and other named lectures**
- **Announcement of the Surgical Forum dedicatee**
- **Preliminary Spring Meeting (Washington, DC) program information**
- **Announcement of Honorary Fellows and Distinguished Service Award recipient**
- **Excerpts from Dr. James Thompson's Presidential Address**
- **Announcement of new ACS Officers**

The CCN is available each morning throughout Moscone Center and at major hotels. If you wish to obtain additional copies of any issue this week, please stop by or contact the CCN office in Moscone Center, North Hall; tel. 978-3523.

You're at the last Congress of the century!

The 1999 Clinical Congress is the last official event the American College of Surgeons (ACS) will host for its Fellows in the 20th century. As such, this is a good time to reflect on and reacquaint yourself with the missions and accomplishments of the College. Founded in 1913, the ACS can claim almost the entire century as part of its history.

The College was organized for the primary purpose of improving the quality of care of patients by elevating the standards of surgical education and practice. For more than 85 years, the College has served as the surgeon's voice in numerous arenas affecting the practice of surgery, such as the government, the public, and other medical organizations, to name a few.

Brief history

The founder of the ACS was Dr. Franklin H. Martin, Chicago, IL, who, in 1905 founded the journal *SURGERY, Gynecology & Obstetrics* (today, the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*). In 1910, Dr. Martin offered journal subscribers the opportunity to observe good surgical techniques firsthand by inviting them to visit operative clinics in Chicago.

Franklin H. Martin

This meeting was such a success that the 1,300 physicians in attendance decided to form an organization under whose auspices this gathering would become an annual event. This organization was The Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America.

By the time a third Clinical Congress was held in 1912, Dr. Martin had proposed that an organization be established to plan a program for the meeting and to set standards for admission. All 2,600 attendees at this meeting voted to approve the formation of the new society, which became the American College of Surgeons.

When the College received its charter, the stated objective read:

...to establish and maintain an association, not for pecuniary profit, but for the benefit of humanity by advancing the science of surgery and the ethical and competent practice of its art, by establishing standards of hospital construction, administration, and equipment, and all else that pertains to them; by engaging in scientific research to determine the cause, nature, and cure of disease; by aiding in better instruction of doctors; by formulating standards of medicine and methods for the improvement of all adverse conditions surrounding the ill and injured wherever found.

Training

When the ACS was founded early this century, most surgeons received training under a preceptor or were self-trained through postgraduate courses. One of the College's first missions was to determine how the formal surgical training of medical students could be improved.

After an exhaustive survey of hospital training programs, the ACS published minimum hospital standards for training programs and gradually developed criteria that today form the basis for the fundamental requirements for graduate education in surgery.

The College has served as a sponsoring organization for the Residency Review Committees for Colon and Rectal Surgery, Neurological Surgery, Otorhinolaryngology, Plastic Surgery, Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, and Urology.

Today, the College supports postgraduate education through its program and emerging technology committees, its scholarships programs, and other activities such as the Surgical Forum, the Surgical Education and Self-Assessment Program, and the film library.

Cancer and trauma care

In 1913, the College was the first professional organization to initiate the publication of an article about cancer in a consumer magazine, *The Ladies' Home Journal*. Today, the College continues to be the vanguard of cancer care through its state-of- the-art educational courses available to surgeons and through the activities of its Commission on Cancer (established in 1922).

The commission consists of over 100 members representing the ACS and 37 national organizations, and its activities include a program to approve cancer care programs at the local hospital level, data collection for all cancer sites, and numerous educational activities.

In March 1998, the American College of Surgeons Oncology Group (ACOSOG) received funding from the National Cancer Institute to conduct multicenter cooperative group trials in surgical oncology—this is the first new cooperative group sponsored by the NCI in 18 years, and it is the only one to focus primarily on the surgical management of malignant solid tumors.

Another major surgical arena is trauma care, and since the 1922 establishment of a Committee on Fractures, the ACS has been a strong voice in support of improving care of the injured patient. Today, the ACS Committee on Trauma is responsible for the Advanced Trauma Life Support® Course, *Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient*, a verification program (begun in 1987 for local trauma centers), and the National Trauma Data Bank™.

Hospital standards

Back in 1913, a mandatory requirement for Fellowship was the submission of 100 case records of patients upon whom the applicant had operated. Yet, at that time, hospitals in the U.S. and Canada seldom kept accurate records and the staffs themselves were not often well organized.

After conferring with the American Medical Association and the Catholic Hospital Association, the ACS formulated a hospital standardization program that has influenced hospital care to this day.

The program was begun in 1918, and by 1951, had become so inclusive that the ACS sought a means to broaden the base for of support for the financing of the program—the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals was thus formed in 1952, and had five founding sponsors.

Today, the Joint Commission surveys and accredits other programs in addition to hospitals, including ambulatory health care, behavioral health care, home care, long-term care, and health care networks.

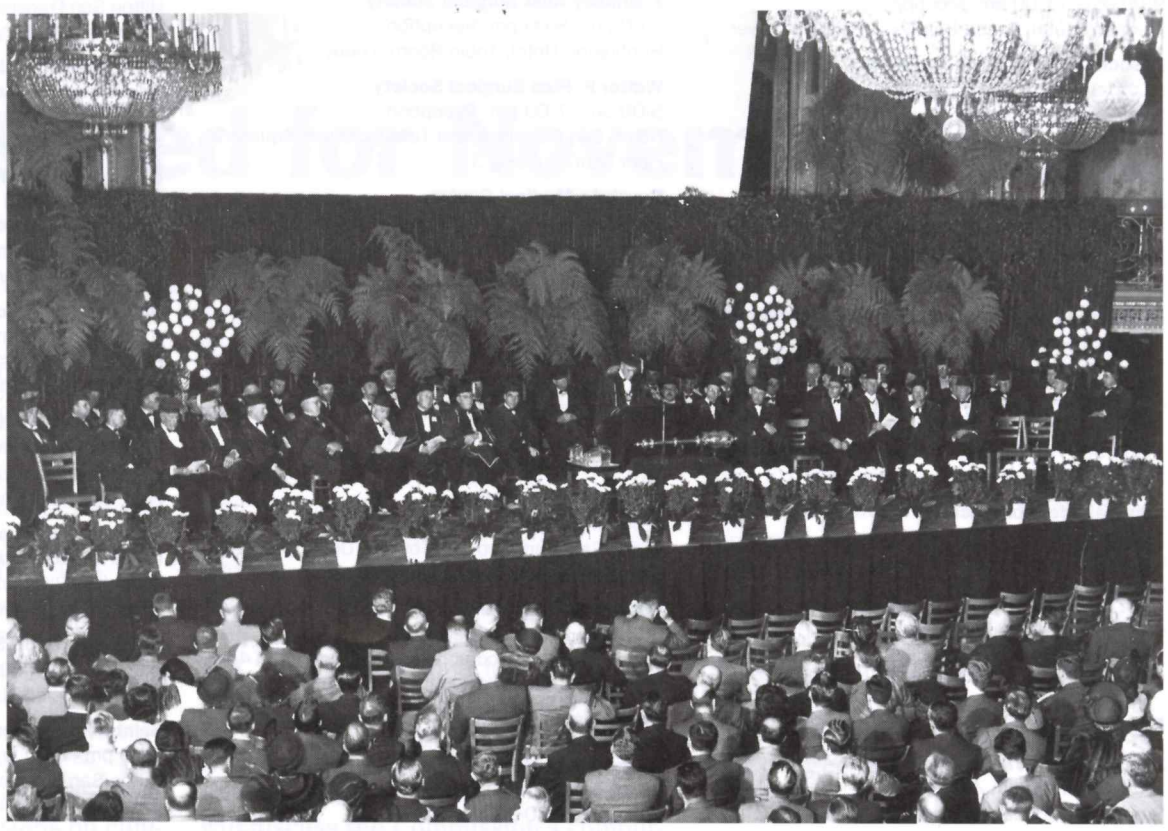
Keeping current

Through the efforts of its various departments and committees, the College keeps abreast of the issues and trends that are having an impact on surgical care and that require an effective voice in respresenting surgery in these changing times, in areas such as socioeconomics and legislative affairs, professional liability, and public information, to cite a few.

The Great Mace. A gift from British surgeons to the College in 1920, the mace is displayed each year during Convocation ceremonies.

Through its national meetings and local and international chapters, the College offers each Fellow the opportunity to directly participate in its affairs and help shape the future of the College and of surgery for the 21st century.

To learn more about the purpose and evolution of the College, stop by the ACS Resource Center, located in the technical exhibit area (booth 1017) of Moscone Center, and pick up a copy of the *Publications and Services* catalog. Among the many publications available to assist and inform you are two books about the history of the ACS: *Fellowship of Surgeons* by Loyal Davis, MD, FACS, and *American College of Surgeons at 75* by George W. Stephenson, MD, FACS.



Installation of officers, 1949 Clinical Congress, Chicago, IL.

Allied Meetings

Sunday

Morning

Association of Women Surgeons
6:00 am - 4:00 pm. Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Salon 4, Lower B-2

Impact Communications for Pfizer
6:00 am - 11:00 am. Meeting
Westin St. Francis, Grand Ballroom, Mezzanine

University of Michigan/Wyeth Ayerst
6:30 am - 7:30 am. Breakfast
San Francisco Marriott, Salon 7, Lower B-2

Association of Program Directors in Vascular Surgery
7:00 am - 4:00 pm. Meeting
Renaissance Parc 55, Parc III, Floor Four

Surgical Biology Club II
7:30 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers , Franciscan C, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1, 2, 3

University of Michigan/Wyeth Ayerst
7:30 am - 10:00 am. Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Salon 8, Lower B-2

The Compass Group for Ethicon, Inc.
8:00 am - 10:00 am. Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers Towers, Continental 6, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Cortex Communications for Bayer Corporation
8:00 am - 11:30 am. Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Salon 9, Lower B-2

Baxter, Hyland Immuno
8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Grand Salon A, Grand Ballroom, Building 2

Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia/Ortho McNeil Pharmaceuticals
8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Meeting
Westin St. Francis, California West, Floor 2

Surgical Biology Club I
8:00 am - 2:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Yosemite C, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Integrated Communications Corp. for Novartis Pharmaceutical Corp.
8:30 am - 11:30 am. Meeting
Moscone Center, Room 132, Exhibit Level

Surgical Biology Club II
8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Meeting
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Franciscan B, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Surgical Biology Club III
8:30 am - 5:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 8, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Trigenesis Comunications for AstraZeneca
9:00 am - 11:00 am. Meeting
Fairmont Hotel, Grand Ballroom, Ballroom Level

Association of Women Surgeons
11:30 am - 2:00 pm. Luncheon
San Francisco Marriott, Salon 1, Lower B-2

Afternoon

Surgical Biology Club II
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Luncheon
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Franciscan C, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Association of VA Surgeons, Executive Committee
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm. Luncheon
San Francisco Marriott, Nob Hill A, Lower B-2

American Hernia Society
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Meeting
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 8, Floor Four, Bldg 3

Surgical Infection Society
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton San Francisco and Towers Towers, Continental 7, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Association of VA Surgeons
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Nob Hill B, Lower B-2

Evening

Association of VA Surgeons
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Nob Hill A, Lower B-2

American Society for Bariatric Surgery
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Dinner
Westin St. Francis, Victorian, Floor 2

Parkland Surgical Society, ACS North Texas Chapter and Department of Surgery, UT Southwestern Medical Center
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Vista, Floor 45

North American Chapter of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Pacific E, Floor Four

Cook County Hospital Surgical Alumni
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Franciscan D, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Minnesota Chapter, ACS
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 2, Floor Four, Building 3

Andrew G. Morrow Society
6:30 pm - 11:00 pm. Reception/Dinner
Fairmont Hotel, Garden, Lobby

Monday

Morning

General Surgery News
7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast
Moscone Center, Room 214, Mezzanine Level

Association for Surgical Education - Testing and Evaluation Committee
7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Franciscan A, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

The Spleen Club
7:30 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers Continental 3, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Journal of Laparoendoscopic & Advanced Surgical Techniques
7:30 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast Meeting
Hilton San Francisco and Towers Continental 9, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Association of Pediatric Surgery Training Program Directors
9:00 am - 11:00 am. Breakfast
Fairmont Hotel , Fountain, Lobby

Journal of Surgical Oncology
11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Luncheon
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Yosemite B, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Afternoon

International Federation of Societies of Endoscopic Surgeons (IFSES)
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Pacific H, Floor Four

Evening

J. Bradley Aust Surgical Society
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Huntington Hotel, Tobin Room, Lobby

Walter F. Pizzi Surgical Society
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 2, Floor Four, Building 3

Baystate Medical Center
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 6, Floor Four, Building 3

Beaumont Surgical Alumni
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Pacific E, Floor Four

University of California, San Francisco, Department of Surgery
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Salon 14, Lower B-2

Alton Ochsner Medical
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 5, Floor Foundation Four, Building 3

ESC Medical Systems
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers Continental 4, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Departments of Surgery at the University of Florida, the University of South Florida and the University of Miami, Florida Chapter and South Forida Chapter, ACS
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers Continental 7, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Kansas Chapter, American College of Surgeons & KU Medical School- Kansas City & Wichita Campuses
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Renaissance Parc 55, Raphael,Floor Four

University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Fairmont Hotel , Garden, Lobby

UCLA Department of Surgery, the UCLA School of Medicine Department of Surgery and the William P. Longmire Surgical Society
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Salon 12, Lower B-2

Wright State University Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Westin St. Francis, Elizabethan A, Floor 2

Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Surgery and Brigham Women's Hospital
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers Towers, Continental 5 & 6, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

University of Pittsburgh Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers Continental 1, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Temple University Medical Alumni Association
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Yosemite A, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

TTUHSC Department of Surgery Alumni Organization
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 12, Floor Four, Building 3

Arkansas Chapter, American College of Surgeons
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Renaissance Parc 55, Dante, Floor Four

Hershey Surgical Society
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Renaissance Parc 55, Sienna, Floor Three

Brown University School of Medicine
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Rosewood, Lower Level, Building 1

University of Tennessee Medical Center/Knoxville
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 14, Floor Four, Building 3

Cornell University Medical Center
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Westin St. Francis, Elizabethan B, Floor 2

University of Alabama Alumni
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Fairmont Hotel , Empire, Lobby

SUNY-HSCP Department of Surgery/Alumni Association/Clarence Dennis Society
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Renaissance Parc 55, Barcelona I, Floor Three

Medical Alumni Association of University of Maryland
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 13, Floor Four, Building 3

Yale Surgical Society and Yale-New Haven Hospital Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Salon 10, Lower B-2

Guthrie Healthcare System/Robert Packer Hospital, General Residency Program, Donald Guthrie Society
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hyatt Regency San Francisco, Garden

University of Wisconsin Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Franciscan D, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

University of Kentucky, Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 8, Floor Four, Building 3

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Dinner
Fairmont Hotel, Hunt, Mezzanine

Marshal J. Orloff Society
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Dinner
Sutter Mansion, 1409 Sutter

Saint Louis University Alumni
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Franciscan C, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Albert Einstein College of Medicine
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 4, Floor Four, Building 3

Creighton University
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 10, Floor Four, Building 3

Camishon Surgical Society
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 11, Floor Four, Building 3

University of Texas Houston Medical School/MD Anderson Cancer Center
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 15-16, Floor Four, Building 3

The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Fairmont Hotel, Fountain, Floor Lobby

Emory University Department of Surgery & School of Medicine
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Yosemite B, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

UTMB - Singleton Surgical Society
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 2, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

University of Hawaii Surgical Residency Program
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Westin St. Francis, California East, Floor 2

Illinois Chapter, American College of Surgeons
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Pacific A, Floor Four

Warren H. Cole Society, Alumni Association of the Department of Surgery, University of Illinois at Chicago
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm. Reception/Dinner
Bank of America Bldg, Carnelian Room, Floor 55

John E. Connolly Surgical Society
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception/Dinner
Fairmont Hotel, California, Floor Mezzanine

Society of Loma Linda University Surgeons
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Dinner
Renaissance Parc 55, Aragon, Floor Third

National Medical Association Surgical Section
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 3, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Pediatric Surgery Biology Club
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Dinner
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 25, Floor Four, Building 3

Tuesday

Morning

ISDS (Formerly CICD)
6:30 am - 8:00 am. Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 8, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Socioeconomic Committee
7:00 am - 8:00 am. Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Executive Bd Rm, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Indiana Chapter, ACS
7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Franciscan B, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Surgical Journal Editors
7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Franciscan C, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Standards Committee
8:00 am - 10:30 am. Breakfast
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Union Square 8, Floor Four, Building 3

Ohio Chapter, American College of Surgeons
11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Luncheon
San Francisco Marriott, Salon 12, Lower B2

The Mont Reid Surgical Society of The University of Cincinnati
11:30 am - 2:00 pm. Luncheon
Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Continental 3, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Program Changes

Monday, October 11

Panel Discussion: How to Avoid and Treat Painful Peripheral Nerve Injuries and Neuromas-Implications for the Practicing Surgeon, 10:30 am-12 noon: "Pharmacologic Treatment of Painful Peripheral Nerve Injuries and Neuromas," by Michael Rowbotham, MD, *San Francisco, CA* (speaker added);

"Neuroablative Techniques in the Treatment of Nerve Injury Pain," Nicholas M. Barbaro, MD, FACS, *San Francisco, CA* (title change).

Multidisciplinary Program: Current Controversies in the Management of the Mandible in Head and Neck Reconstructive Surgery, 1:00-3:00 pm, "Temporomandibular Joint Reconstruction: Options, Technique, and Outcomes," by Mark K. Wax, MD, FACS, *Portland, OR* (addition to program).

"Representatives Cases" (addition to program); "Discussion" (addition to program).

Tuesday, October 12

Panel Discussion: What's New in the Treatment of Short Bowel Syndrome, 8:30-10:00 am, "Intestinal Transplantation," by Jorge D. Reyes, MD, FACS, *Pittsburgh, PA* (title change).

Motion Picture Sessions

Monday, October 11

Pediatric Surgery Motion Picture Sesssion, 1:00 to 3:30 pm, Co-authors of third videotape, "Successful Separation of Ischiopagus Conjoined Twins," are: H. Gibbs Andrews, MD, FACS; Milissa McKee, MD; Fritz Rector, MD, FACS; Robert Hardesty, MD, FACS; Howard Landa, MD; David Knierim, MD, FACS; Don Moores, MD; and Monte Fullerton, MD, FACS, *Loma Linda, CA.*

General Surgery I Motion Picture Session, 1:30 to 5:00 pm, "Laparoscopic Ileocecal Resection for Crohn's Disease Complicated by Fistulas," Herman H. Kessler, MD, *Erlangen, Germany*

Tuesday, October 12

Ciné Clinic I: Gastric Surgery, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, The first videotape presentation has been replaced by: "Gastrectomy for Cancer," by Murray F. Brennan, MD, FACS, *New York, NY.* Discussant: Prof. John Wong, MD (Hon), FACS (Hon), *Hong Kong.*

Wednesday, October 13

Trauma Motion Picture Session, 1:00 to 3:00 pm, "Damage Control in Vascular Trauma: A New Use for Intravascular Shunts," by Robert B. Ballard, MD, Paul G. Newman, MD, Jeffrey P. Salomone, MD, Grace S. Rozycki, MD, FACS, Russell Ronson, MD, Nicholas Namias, MD, Walter L. Ingram, MD, David L. Feliciano, MD, FACS, *Atlanta, GA.*

U of MI Med School

Reception to honor 150th anniversary

A reception has been planned for Tuesday evening to honor the 150th anniversary of the University of Michigan Medical School and its department of surgery. The reception will take place from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Carnelian Room at the Bank of America Tower, 555 California Dr., San Francisco.

Lazar J. Greenfield, MD, FACS, Fredrick Coller Distinguished Professor of Surgery and chairman of the department of surgery, will host the reception and make some formal remarks at 7:00 pm. Special videotapes will be shown recognizing the sesquicentennial of the founding of both the medical school and the department of surgery.

All University of Michigan Medical School graduates and department of surgery alumni who are attending the Clinical Congress are encouraged to join in the celebration of these two milestones.

Vietnam Surgical Society to hold 30-year reunion

Thirty years ago it was noted that no surgical organization had been established for those surgeons who had been dedicating their time and skills to the care of the casualties of the Vietnam War. The formation of the Surgical Society of Vietnam was announced in the *USARV Medical Bulletin*, and it was anticipated that informal reunion meetings could be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons. These meetings have not always been possible nor accomplished, but the Clinical Congress in San Francisco provides an excellent opportunity for a reunion of old friends, spouses, and significant others.

A cocktail reception will take place on Monday evening from 6:00 to 10:00 pm in the Regimental Room of the Marines Memorial Club, 609 Sutter St. at Mason. Members of the society or those surgeons who wish to renew acquaintances are welcome.

ATLS international meeting held

The ATLS® Subcommittee of the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons hosted the Fifth International ATLS meeting on Saturday and Sunday, October 9 and 10. ATLS members from over 25 countries were represented at this meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss specific revisions for the 2001 ATLS Course. The enhanced interactive teaching methods of the 1997 program will be expanded in the next version, according to Steve Parks, MD, FACS, Chair of the ATLS Subcommittee.

The ATLS program continues to expand to other countries around the world in adherence with guidelines that have been established for international promulgation. The goal of ATLS promulgation is to continue to provide a quality educational experience for all who participate as students in the course in the 31 countries where the program is authorized. The members of the ATLS Subcommittee are proud of the relationship with our international colleagues who continue to train half of the 15,000 individuals who participate in the course each year. The purpose of the international program is to facilitate the development of systems of trauma care utilizing ATLS as a common language for all physicians who treat injured patients.

Jim Henry offers College jewelry

In technical exhibit booth 1305 many Congress participants will recognize a familiar exhibitor—Jim Henry, Inc. For over 40 years, Jim Henry has offered Fellows of the College an array of official ACS ties, jewelry, and other items from his family-run business.

Recent additions include ACS ties for men and women, blazer patches and buttons, special plaques and desk accessories, and a popular custom-designed ring with the ACS seal.

Interested Fellows are encouraged to stop by booth 1305, or contact Jim Henry, Inc., at its headquarters in St. Charles, IL (tel. 630/584-6500, fax 630/584-3036).

Speaker slide sets available

The Advisory Council for General Surgery has prepared slide sets with lecture notes for general surgeons to use when lecturing to nonsurgeon groups. Slide sets will be available for purchase at the ACS Publications booth. Please stop by the booth on the concourse level of Moscone Center to view the presentations on Breast Disease, Breast Disease (for lay audiences), Acute Abdomen Curriculum, and Common Anorectal Disorders.

Congress Notes

Program participants may review slides and films

Beginning on Sunday at 10:00 am, participants may review their slides and films in the Speaker Ready Room, North Hall, Moscone Center.

Ticket holders

Postgraduate course tickets are sized to fit into the Congress badge holders. You can keep track of your ticket(s) by sliding it into the holder behind your badge and revealing it at the door as you enter the course room.

Portraits

Arrangements have been made with Oscar & Associates to photograph Initiates and Fellows of the College who desire to have full color or black-and-white portraits taken in Fellowship robes. A photographer will be available in the North Hall of Moscone Center during the following times: Sunday from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm, and Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am until 6:00 pm.

It is suggested that you arrange for your sitting as early in the week as possible. Oscar & Associates will have an assortment of official Fellowship caps and gowns available for your use. There is no charge for the sitting itself. Proofs will be viewed in full color, from which you may order either color or black-and-white finished photographs. A schedule of rates is available at the studio and appointment desk.

Initiates and Fellows who elect to be photographed will see their "proofs" via video screen immediately after their sitting. Although the photography is done by conventional process, an Eastman Kodak electronic previewing system will be used, which allows for simultaneous recording on film and video. This system allows the subject to select favorite views prior to leaving the studio area.

Exhibit rules

More than 150 scientific and approximately 290 technical exhibits will be on display in Moscone Center. Hours are: 9:30 am-3:30 pm, Monday through Wednesday, 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Thursday. Scientific exhibits are located in the North Hall, technical exhibits are located in the South Hall.

Persons 16 years of age or older who are accompanying surgeons are welcome to tour the exhibit areas. They must register and pay $25 at the Social Program registration area in Moscone Center, North Hall. Children under the age of 16 will not be admitted to the exhibit areas.

Medical students, nurses, and allied health personnel may tour the exhibit areas without charge, provided they are registered and have a name badge.

Spouses who register for the Social Program may use the badge they receive to enter the exhibit areas. All other persons registered for the Clinical Congress may gain admittance by showing their official badge.

Message and Information Center

The Message and Information Center, located in the North Hall lobby of the convention center, can provide you with messages, information about the programs and related activities, and the names of individuals who are registered and their hotels.

Once again, we will offer the MSv2 video-computer Internet messaging system. The ACS Electronic Message System will utilize advanced network technology to connect video message kiosks that are located in prominent areas of Moscone Center. Any person who has access to the Internet may leave a message using the show messaging address: **clinicalcongress999.postmessage.com**. Simply search the list of attendees, then post a message in their mailbox. Within minutes, the name will appear on the video-paging monitors along with the message posted on site. The attendee sees his or her name and retrieves the message from their mailbox to read, print, or reply. Also, look for conference and exhibitor updates on the information kiosks located throughout Moscone Center.

The message center will be staffed Sunday, 10:00 am-6:00 pm, and Monday-Wednesday, 7:00 am-5:00 pm, and Thursday, 7:30 am-5:00 pm. The video paging systems are operational 24 hours a day. You may also use your laptop PC and the Internet address at anytime to post and/or receive messages.

Surgical Forum

The complete papers for most of the 368 titles presented in this year's Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems are published in the *Owen H. Wangensteen Surgical Forum, Volume L,* which is on sale during and after the Congress for $25 per copy. Volumes are available in Moscone Center, North Hall.

Audiotapes

Selected postgraduate courses, general sessions, multidisciplinary programs, specialty sessions, and named lectures will be recorded live and available on audiotapes. Additional information and order forms are available during the Clinical Congress at the National Audio Video booth in Moscone Center, North Hall.

Lost and found

Lost and found areas will be located in the ACS Convention and Exhibit Office at Moscone Center, North Hall, and in the Convention Office at the Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Lombard, Sixth Floor, Bldg. 3.

Caps and gowns

Distribution of caps and gowns will be on Thursday, October 14, from 1:30 pm until the Convocation ceremony begins, at Moscone Center, South Lobby, Esplanade Level. Caps and gowns may be turned in on Thursday at the same location following the conclusion of Convocation.

Friends of Bill W

Friends of Bill W will meet Sunday through Wednesday, 7:00- 8:30 pm, at the Hilton San Francisco and Towers, Franciscan A.

Be sure to visit the ACS Resource Center, which provides a wealth of information on the Advance Trauma Life Support® Course, the Commission on Cancer, the Committee on Trauma, Communications activities, the Development Program, Fellowship, Socioeconomic Affairs, and the National Cancer Data Base.
NOTE: The Resource Center is located in the technical exhibit area (booth 1017) of Moscone Center. It will be open Monday through Wednesday from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, and Thursday from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. (The hours and location for the Resource Center are listed incorrectly in the Program Book)

Science and Humanism

Seminar to explore sociology of gunshots

On Monday at 3:30 pm, C. Rollins Hanlon, MD, FACS, will lead three panelists in the discussion of Presidential Gunshots at this year's Science and Humanism Seminar. The seminar will be held in Room 102 of Moscone Center.

The panel will explore the sociology of assassination in our open society. According to Dr. Hanlon, who will moderate this annual seminar, "Humanism relates to why people do what they do, and assassination reflects elements of the sociological and cultural aspects of our society." Dr. Hanlon, is ACS Executive Consultant and former Director (1969-1986) and President (1987-1988).

The panelists joining him for the session are:

Prof. Robert V. Remini, PhD, professor emeritus of history and historian, University of Illinois at Chicago, who will discuss "The Duelist, Andrew Jackson."

Donald D. Trunkey, MD, FACS, professor and chairman, department of surgery, Oregon Health Science University School of Medicine, Portland, who will discuss "Presidents No. 16, 20, 25, and 35."

Dennis S. O'Leary, MD, president, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Oakbrook Terrace, IL, who will discuss "Ronald Reagan."

In 1981, this annual seminar began under the general category of science and humanism. Supported by a generous grant from the Charles E. Culpeper Foundation, these seminars repeatedly convened some 20 surgical educators to discuss expansion of the surgical teaching horizon. After four such invitational seminars, the concept of a greater emphasis on the humanities in graduate surgical education was formally endorsed by the ACS Board of Regents, and a substantially larger, open meeting at the Clinical Congress was initiated in 1987.

Visit *JACS* booth

Seymour I. Schwartz, MD, FACS, and the editors of the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons (JACS)* invite all readers, subscribers, and potential authors to visit the *JACS* booth, technical exhibit #1404, during the Clinical Congress. Members of the editorial staff will be on hand all day each day to receive suggestions and to answer questions about the *Journal*.